

THE LOST CAROUSEL HORSE

Jessica Booth

Once upon a time. . .

I went to Cranapple Farm to see my grandmother. She had said in a letter that she would take me to a place where carousel animals are. . . where old, old carousel animals are. And she did. She took me to a place where they were all set up like they were a real carousel like the one in the park.

I was a horse move. Then it jumped out of a window and ran away. Nobody could find him except an old, old rooster who was crowing on a fence.

THE WORLD OF MY OWN

Perrin Phillips

In my home my desk is full of creations. It has little monsters of different kinds. They all have their abilities and disabilities. One of my favorites are called miniature goblins. They hang around with wizards. They're related to bats.

My favorite one of these little goblins is Irving. He has one horn on his head and four bat wings. He has three claws one each hand and foot. Irving has a tail like the devil. In fact his grandfather is the devil and his grandmother is a giant bat. His grandfather's wife is a giant bat with four wings.

Irving's abilities are that he is very small and at will can breathe fire. For Valentine's Day he shaped a heart out of flame. His agility and speed make him a perfect pet. His maneuverability puts him in the class of dragonflies. His disability is that he is small. Besides that he is perfect.

FLYING

James Moore-Dohm

If a bee can fly, then so can I.
Yes, a bee can fly--I can fly.
But a bee has wings--I don't have wings,
So I'll go out and buy some things.
Like: some paper, glue, and maybe some blue.
And maybe it will give me a clue.
Sometimes I feel like just climbing my tree
and jumping out.
When I count one, two, three.
But it's just too high, and I cannot fly.
And I don't want to cry.

VISIT TO A SPACESHIP

Holly Wendfeldt

One day I was walking along and I saw a spaceship. It was just about to land. All of a sudden I saw a little man that was about two inches tall and was blue.

He said, "You're coming with me."

I said, "Where are you taking me?"

He said, "To my marshmallow planet."

So he pulled me in his spaceship and went flying off. In about two minutes we were there. I got out and little blue women greeted me with a "Yufea." I knew what that meant because I had been practicing that language. It meant, "What is this strange thing doing here?"

I said, "Optus yuma loy uno oopta." That meant, "I'm a person, not a thing, and if anything is strange, it is you."

The little blue man said, "That's Heather. Don't mind her."

All of a sudden I saw another blue man playing with a calculator and saying, "It is exactly 180 hundred hours."

The man said, "That's Max."

Max said, "Hello," in a strange English accent.

Then I saw a little green lady with a cast on her arm. The man said, "That's Wendy."

Wendy said, "Hi," in a little baby's talk.

It was strange that I had heard all these voices and names before. Then I figured it must be my classmates. All of a sudden I was a little blue lady.

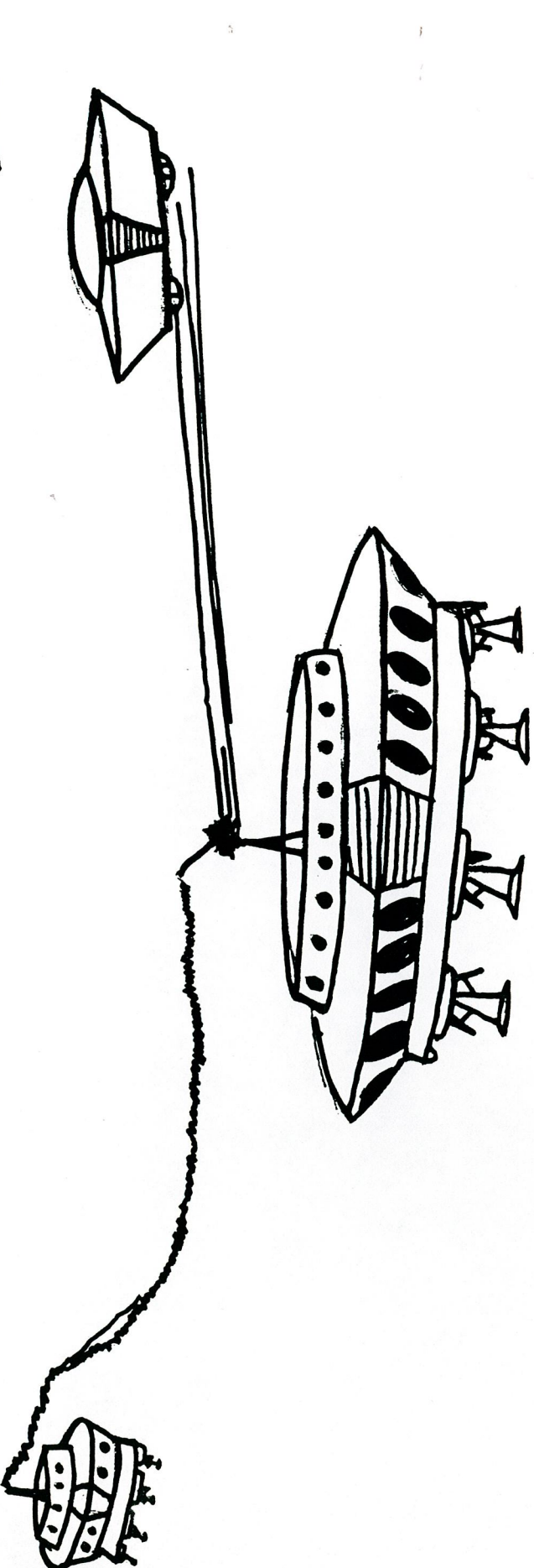
The little blue man said, "We're the Smerfs."

And we all lived happily ever after.

GREEN

Brendan Murray

Green is the color
Of the grass on your lawn.
Of the color of the trees
In the park at dawn.
Green is the color of the Irishman they say.
Green is the color of the break of the day.
Green.



Elton Kong

THE VALENTINE DRAGON

Heather Wendfeldt

Once a long time ago there lived in a dirty, musty, mucky, dungeon, a dragon. Now this was not your ordinary dragon with scaly green skin, purple wings, and fiery breath, but a large red dragon with skin as soft as cotton, wings shaped like hearts, and he blew bubbles. This dragon's name was Valen, short for Valentine. Valen was a Valentine dragon, the only one of his kind. Well, Valen should have lived in his cave but the people of Drearyville forced him into that dungeon.

The townspeople had done away with Valentine's Day. They said they were tired of Valentine's Day--making Valentines and buying candy or flowers was taking too much of their money and time. So, they took the thing that caused Valentine's Day and locked it up. This thing happened to be Valen.

Valen decided that it was best to have Valentine's Day and that it was important. So, he scratched and clawed to get out of that dungeon. When he did, he came out to the world when it was almost Valentine's Day. Even though Drearyville didn't celebrate it, Valen still did. When the day came, Valen had a surprise for the townspeople. He had bought a gun and filled it with his love pellets. he shot everybody and said, "Happy Valentine's Day."

WHAT IS A FRIEND

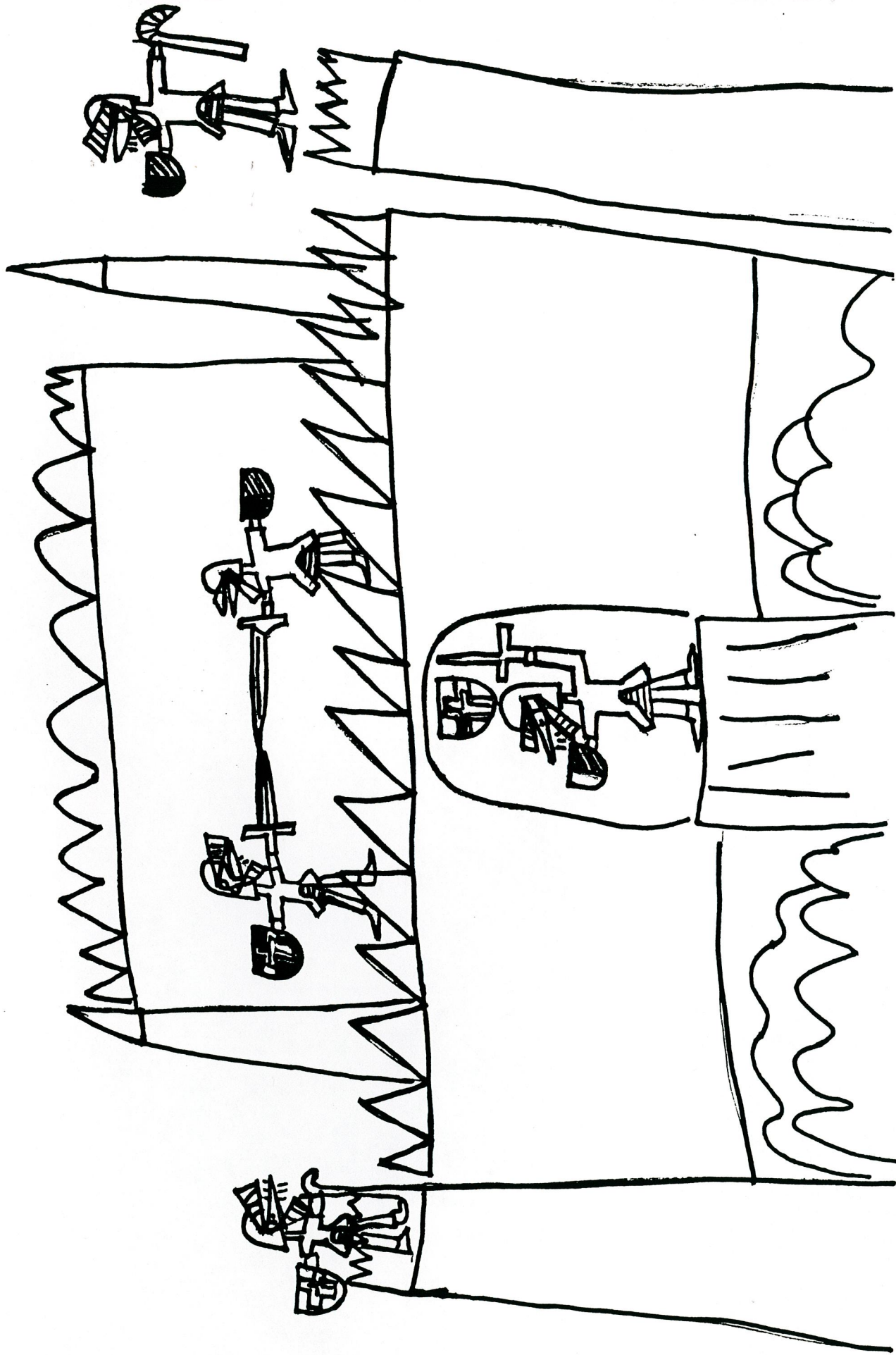
Rhonda Russ

A friend is someone who cares about your feelings and thoughts. My friend and I like each other. We talk about things we like and things we like to do. One day one of my friends went to a girls' club with each other, and we waited for the bus. Early in the morning, we would sing songs and go on field trips. One day we were waiting for the bus, and shen we got on, a man kept looking at us. I was so afraid, I told my friend about this. When we got off the bus, I noticed that he was only looking out the window.

MARK HAMIL'S SHOE

Jo-Jo Togba

I am Mark Hamil's shoe. I hate to be run over by R2-D2's wheels. And all of those jumps!! I feel dizzy right now. It hurts when I land on the cement. It's crazy when I have to sit in the dark in the snowspeeder. But it's crazier when I get to drive the car home. It's nice when I get home and sleep in front of the fire.



By Brian
Thompson

Evelong Island

Once upon a time, there lived two elves on Evelong Island. Elvich and Flev were their names, and they were the best of friends. However, they were not the only ones on the island. There were many other elves on the isle. Elvich and Flev lived in a mushroom with about eleven other elves. Most of them had to sleep on the floor.

It was so crowded that Elvich and Flev decided to leave. That night they crept down to the harbor and stole some poor elf's boat. It was a small boat with a deck and a room underneath.

The elves lighted a small lantern and hung it up on a hook in the room underneath. They looked around. It was a small room with two shelves and a bunk bed. In the corner was a crate which was being used for a table. The elves let the boat float silently while they slept peacefully in the bunks.

In the middle of the night a storm arose. Lightning struck the elves' boat, awakening Elvich and Flev. The boat cracked in half. Everything was smashed. The water was warm, but the waves were wild. The only thing remaining was the bunk bed. The elves swam for it and climbed on the top bunk. Soon it was morning and the storm ended.

The bunk-bed boat floated peacefully while the sun rose. In an hour Flev sighted land. Within the hour, the elves were pulling the heavy bunk bed ashore on a sandy beach. They soon fell asleep in the warm sand of this strange isle.

When the elves woke up, the bunk-bed boat was gone. They searched high and low all over the island. Then Elvich saw it floating far far away in the blue sea. "The tide must have washed it away!" said both elves at once. Not too disappointed, they decided to explore the island.

At the top of a hill they saw a high black castle. They scampered up the hill before you could say "Robinson Crusoe". The castle was very strange, but the strangest thing was that there was no door. The elves went around the castle three times without finding a way to get in. As they were circling it for the fourth time, Flev fell into a dark hole.

Elvich leaned over the hole. "What's down there?" he cried, thinking of alligators.

"A tunnel," answered Flev. And before you could say "ho-hum", Elvich had jumped into the hole.

They crawled down the tunnel, and in about a half-hour, they came to an end. They felt all around for hollow walls and finally found a trap door in the ceiling of the tunnel. They opened the trap door and entered a cold room with high stone walls.

In the corner of the room, a young girl was crying. She was only about eight years old, but about a foot taller than the elves.

"Why are you crying?" asked the elves.

The girl jumped up, apparently quite surprised. "Helikia the witch has locked me up. She was mad at my parents for letting the quizines escape."

"Quizines," muttered Flev, and made a face. "What will they think of next?"

"We can help you escape!" said Elvich.

"How?" cried the girl.

"The way we came in," said Elvich, "Through the tunnel"

"What tunnel?"

The elves showed the girl the tunnel.

"Let's go!" said the girl.

"Follow me," cried Elvich.

In the middle of the tunnel the girl asked the elves what their names were.

"I'm Elvich, and this is my friend Flev. We ran away from our home island because there were too many elves. It was too crowded."

"My name is Princess Carrie. My parents are the King and Queen of Evelong Sea. Just call me Carrie."

"My Aunt Esiou lives not too far from here. We can get there by tomorrow," said Carrie.

That night they slept in the hollow of a tree.

In the morning the elves made bows and arrows after Carrie had showed them how. They were all sure that sometime soon they would run into Helikia seeking revenge for Carrie's escape.

Carrie was a bright girl with long blond hair. She was wearing a long skirt with a black vest and a blouse with big puffy sleeves down to her wrists.

By ten o'clock they had started off to Carrie's Aunt Esiou's house. At about eleven, they stopped in the middle of a forest. Carrie and the elves sat on a large rock. "What's the name of this isle?" asked Elvich.

"Evelong Island," answered Carrie. "I live in Evelong Sea. My parents are king and queen. There are lots of mermaids. My friend Naine is a mermaid.

All of a sudden she was interrupted by a high cackling scream. It was Helikia the witch, marching along with a horrible looking two-headed soldier.

While the witch took the elves by the legs, the two-headed soldier made a grab for Carrie. She kicked and screamed and was about to use her bow and arrow when the two-headed soldier fell dead. The witch ran away and left the elves hanging from a tree.

Carrie helped the elves down and turned to look for whoever had shot the two-headed soldier. The elves saw a tall skinny woman at the top of a small hill. She was dressed in a turquoise dress and wore her hair pulled back with some hanging down. She was standing next to a beautiful white horse with one brown and one blue eye.

"Aunt Esiou!" cried Carrie, running up the hill. She hugged the lady and thanked her for saving her life.

Carrie told the elves that the lady was her Aunt Esiou. "Call me Esi," said the lady.

"Carrie, where have you been?" asked Esi. "Your parents have been worried sick. Come along, you must be starved. Tell me what happened on the way to my house. Come, you can spend the night."

Carrie told Esiou about Helikia and soon they reached Esiou's home. Esiou's house had many white columns. In the courtyard was a beautiful garden. It was full of all kinds of beautiful flowers.

The elves and Carrie ate a huge dinner and fell asleep in soft white beds. In the morning, Esi told them that they could take the long journey to Carrie's home by dragon. She had a baby dragon named Erif, and had some seats fastened to the dragon scales.

The elves, along with Carrie, climbed up on the dragon and sat on the seats. They waved goodbye to Esi and flew off.

In two hours they landed by a harbor. The dragon landed on a grassy hill above a small beach. On one side of the beach was a clump of high reeds. Carrie jumped off the dragon and ran into the reeds. She came out pulling something by a rope. It was a huge clear bubble, shaped like an egg. She put the bubble on the water. Then all of a sudden, to the elves surprise, she climbed into the bubble, and waving goodbye to them, she sank lower and lower into the water.

"She's going down to her underwater castle," said the dragon in a deep, gruff voice. "They ride those bubble things down in the sea."

The dragon began to fly higher than ever. "I'm taking you two back to Evaline Island," he said in his gruff voice.

"Oh no!" said Elvich.

"Back to sleeping on the floor," said Flev.

Just then they were flying over Helikia's castle when the old witch shot a cannon ball at the dragon. Erif saw it coming. He breathed fire on it until it melted to the size of a rock. It fell backwards hitting the witch on the head. It left her paralyzed 'til the end of time.

THE TROLL WHO HATED EASTER

Kelly Mills

Once upon a time. . . well, you all know about the Easter Bunny. You think of him without a worry in the world, but actually he had a big trouble. A troll always tried to steal his eggs. You see, he HATED happiness, and Easter is happiness, so he always tried to stop it. Once he tried to steal the colored eggs, but that special bunny brought the children chocolate instead. Once he tried to cover the path with butter, but Peter Cottontail just put jelly beans over the butter. I guess that troll will never succeed - or will he?

P.S. Just wait until this Easter and see.

Easter is a time for eating Easter eggs and dying eggs and putting designs on them. Easter is a time for new life. Easter is also a time when Jesus rose from the dead.

Dean Kawamoto

Easter is all about eggs and when Jesus rose from the dead and flowers grow. I like when the flowers bloom.

Hal Williams

Easter is a happy time because it is Spring. Bees come out and birds come out and sing. People get Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies.

Jeremy Cooper

FRACTURED PROVERBS

Grade 5

A penny saved is a piece of junk.
Lemar

He who laughs last is dumb.
Maranne

A penny saved is worth nothing.
San Paulia

Don't count your chickens. Let someone else do it for you.
San Paulia

A bird in the hand can get crushed.
Holly

He who laughs last thinks it's funny.
Holly

A bird in the hand makes you wash them.
Heather

All's well that makes a buck for you.
Max

Don't count your chickens 'til you make a foxproof fence.
Max

A penny saved takes up useful space.
Max

THE MONSTER'S REVENGE

Andrew Booty

Once there was a monster named Revenge. He was a very, very bad monster. One time he went to Great America by bus, and he got so mad at how long it took to get there, he threw everybody out except the driver, who he forced to drive at 99,989 M.P.H. When they got to Great America, Revenge went on the Logger's Run and threw everybody off of it. Then he went on the Merry-Go-Round, and the horse he rode on broke because he weighed 99,999 pounds.

I'D RATHER...

Grady Burnett

I'd rather play soccer than go to the doctor.
I'd rather play tennis than go to the dentist.
I'd rather play Herk than go to work.
Herk, Herk. . . What is Herk?
I don't know but it must be better than work.

Stacy Johnson

A long time ago when nobody believed in monsters, there lived a monster. His name was Fred. He was very, very clever. One day he was walking down the street and saw a crowd of people. The people jumped and ran. But one person stayed. Everyone was quiet and mumbled that they made friends. Then the monster said, "I have never had such a good friend in my life." And then he had to go home. He said, "Bye, bye," and ran home and lived happily ever after.

Mother's Day

by Shani Phillips, First Grade

On Mother's Day mothers are nice.

On Mother's Day they're sweet,

But when it comes to Father's Day

Mothers are their special treat.

It's not too long till Mothers Day,

But I'm not a mother.

I like it like it is,

It's a happy day formothers.

It's a happy day for me.

I know that it's a very,very special day
For the whole United States.

PELE'S SHOE

Brent Hilsabeck

I am an Adidas, and I am Pele's shoe. I was in a World Cup. Pele kicked the ball and I got smashed in the face. I got a big black eye with stars around my head. I had dirt all over my body and mud splashed all over my face. I went crazy, and when he kicked the ball again, I went, "Yo-u-uch." I was all busted up. He kicked a goal, and another one. Pele kicked the ball. Boom! I had a headache. Pele's team won by seven points.

BUSTIN' LOOSE

Ruskin Vaughn

Once upon a time I had a dream about a Clydesdale that busted loose from the carousel. It was running through Magic Mountain. When I got off of a ride, I saw it running. I hopped on it and it took me for a beautiful ride all the way around the world, and all the way around the Milky Way. And then he took me home and he went back on the carousel.